

CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment and/or prevention of a pelvic tissue infection by vaginal administration which
5 composition comprises an antibiotic and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
2. A composition as defined in Claim 1 comprising an analgesic, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, and/or a local anaesthetic drug.
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3. A composition as defined in Claim 1 or Claim 2 for use in the treatment of a sexually transmitted disease.
4. A composition as defined in any one of the preceding claims
15 wherein the antibiotic includes azithromycin, optionally with metronidazole.
5. A composition as defined in any one of the preceding claims for use in the treatment of a cervix, endometrium, fallopian tube and/or
20 parametrium.
6. Use of the composition as defined in any one of the preceding claims in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment and/or prevention of pelvic tissue infection by vaginal and/or rectal administration.
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7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising, in admixture or separately:
 - (a) an antibiotic; and
 - 30 (b) a prostaglandin.

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8. A composition as defined in Claim 7 for use by vaginal and/or rectal administration, preferably vaginal administration.
9. A composition as defined in Claim 7 or Claim 8 for use in reducing surgical trauma resulting from gynaecological operation.
10. A composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 9 comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
- 10 11. A composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 10 wherein the prostaglandin is misoprostol, optionally with cervagem.
12. A composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 11 wherein the antibiotic includes azithromycin, optionally with metronidazole.
- 15 13. A composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 12 for use in the treatment and/or prevention of a cervix, endometrium, fallopian tube and/or parametrium.
- 20 14. Use of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 13 in the manufacture of a medicament for use by vaginal and/or rectal administration in reducing surgical trauma resulting from gynaecological operation.
- 25 15. A kit comprising
 - (a) an antibiotic,
 - (b) a prostaglandin and
 - (c) instructions for the simultaneous, sequential or separate administration of (a) and (b) to a patient in need thereof.

16. A kit as defined in Claim 15 for use by vaginal and/or rectal administration.
17. A kit as defined in Claim 15 or 16 for use in reducing surgical trauma resulting from a gynaecological operation.
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18. A kit as defined in any one of Claims 15 to 17 wherein (a) and (b) each comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
- 10 19. Use of a kit as defined in any one of Claims 15 to 18 in the manufacture of a medicament for use by vaginal and/or rectal administration in reducing surgical trauma resulting from a gynaecological operation.
- 15 20. Use of an antibiotic in the manufacture of a kit as defined in any one of Claims 15 to 18 or in the manufacture of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 13 which kit or composition is for use by vaginal and/or rectal administration in reducing surgical trauma resulting from a gynaecological operation.
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21. Use of an antibiotic in the manufacture of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 5 for use in the treatment and/or prevention of a pelvic tissue infection by vaginal or rectal administration.
- 25 22. Use of a prostaglandin in the manufacture of a kit as defined in any one of Claims 15 to 18 or in the manufacture of a composition as defined in any one of Claims 7 to 13 which kit or composition is for use by vaginal and/or rectal administration in reducing surgical trauma resulting from a gynaecological operation.

23. A method of treating and/or preventing a pelvic tissue infection which method comprises administering vaginally or rectally a therapeutically effective amount of an antibiotic to a patient in need of such treatment.

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24. A method as defined in Claim 23 wherein the infection is a sexually transmitted disease.

10 25. A method as defined in Claim 23 or Claim 24 wherein the antibiotic includes azithromycin, optionally with metronidazole.

26. A method as defined in any one of the Claims 23 to 25 wherein the infected tissue is a cervix, endometrium, fallopian tube and/or parametrium.

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27. A method of reducing surgical trauma resulting from a gynaecological operation which method comprises administering vaginally or rectally a composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an antibiotic and of a prostaglandin to a patient in need of such treatment.

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28. A method as defined in Claim 27 which comprises administering the composition to a patient about to undergo a gynaecological operation.

25 29. A method as defined in Claim 28 wherein the operation includes a surgical or medical abortion, uterine evacuation of a failed pregnancy and/or a transcervical operation undertaken outside pregnancy.

30. A method as defined in any one of Claims 27 to 29 wherein the composition comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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31. A method as defined in any one of Claims 27 to 30 wherein the prostaglandin is misoprostol, optionally with cervagem.

32. A method as defined in any one of Claims 27 to 31 wherein the
5 antibiotic includes azithromycin, optionally with metronidazole.

33. A method as defined in any one of Claims 23 to 32 wherein the patient is a human or animal patient, especially a human or mammal patient.

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